

## REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

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MEETING

DATE: 3/17/03

<b>AGENDA SECTION:</b> Consent Agenda	<b>ORIGINATING DEPT:</b> Police	<b>ITEM NO.</b> D-17
<b>ITEM DESCRIPTION:</b> ITEM DESCRIPTION: Stop Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Fund Grant		<b>PREPARED BY:</b> Capt Pittenger

The Police Department has been participating in the Minnesota Model Protocol Project since November 1997. The purpose of this project is to establish a protocol process for the investigation and prosecution of sexual assault cases in the State of Minnesota. As a part of that project, the Olmsted County/Rochester Community Sexual Assault Interagency Council (SAIC) was formed.

Each year since 1998, the Council has approved the acceptance of VAWA (Violence Against Women Act) grants to fund a SAIC coordinator position. These grants also funded administrative costs related to this project, including the evaluation of the protocol development process.

The Police Department contracted with the Wilder Research Center of St. Paul, Minnesota, to evaluate the initial phases of the protocol development process. The Wilder Research Center has provided an Independent Contractor Agreement (evaluation contract) detailing the services it will provide to the SAIC during the next phase (2003 - 2004) of the project. The proposed cost of these services, \$4,200, will be covered by the VAWA grant. The City Attorney's Office has reviewed and approved the evaluation contract provided by Wilder Research Center.

**COUNCIL ACTION REQUESTED:** The Police Department requests that the Council authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the Independent Contractor Agreement with the Wilder Research Center.

**COUNCIL ACTION:** Motion by: \_\_\_\_\_ Second by: \_\_\_\_\_ to: \_\_\_\_\_

